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TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV TRANSFER OF M-47 TANKS TO ETHIOPIA

REF: A) ADDIS ABABA 4807, B) STATE 185683, C) ADDIS ABABA
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1. THE DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THE EMBASSY'S INTEREST IN BEING FULLY INFORMED ABOUT THE YUGOSLAV TANK TRANSFER QUESTION, BUT FEELS THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO TRANSMIT IN FULL THE DETAILS OF THE DISCUSSIONS IN BELGRADE ON THIS SENSITIVE SUBJECT. IN CASE THE SUBJECT IS RAISED BY THE YUGOSLAVS, YOU MAY SAY THAT WE WERE GRATIFIED BY THE FRANKNESS OF THEIR RESPONSE, BY THEIR CLAIM THAT THE TRANSFER WAS A RESULT OF A MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENTS IN THE 1950'S COVERING THE SUPPLY OF THESE WEAPONS TO YUGOSLAVIA, AND BY THEIR OFFER TO DIS-

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CUSS THE QUESTION AT THE EARLIEST CONVENIENT TIME. WE TAKE THE MATTER VERY SERIOUSLY BUT WE ARE SEEKING TO MINIMIZE ITS IMPACT ON OUR OVERALL RELATIONS.

2. FYI: THIS WAS THE GIST OF YUGOSLAV FOREIGN SECRETARY MINIC'S RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR EAGLEBURGER'S PRESENTATION ON JULY 8. END FYI. VANCE

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